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Re: Revised Advisory Opinion #483-05-06

Dear Ms. Taff-Watson:

This letter is in response to your request for a revision to Advisory Opinion #483-98-06 (attached), pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated §19-11-715(b). Your request for an advisory opinion is based on the following facts:

- 1) Our advisory opinion #483-98-06 addressed the interpreter contracts using state employees as "concurrent employment agreements" because the interpretive services were procured as "professional/consultant services".
- 2) Interpretive services are now procured as "technical services" and thus are not restricted by Executive Order #98-04.
- 3) You are seeking a modification of the advisory opinion by virtue of the change in classification of interpretive services from "professional/consultant" to "technical".

Based upon the change in circumstances you will be able to return to the method of invoicing that you used prior to the 1998 advisory opinion. However, the advisory opinion issued in 1991 (483-91-05) (enclosed) found that technical services were exempt from The Ethics in Public Contracting Law (Act 483 of 1979) because of exemptions contained in the statute. Such is no longer the case.

Accordingly, you must continue to avoid selling services to your employer, UALR, and the state employee interpreters that you employ may not perform those services for their own agencies. In addition, the disclosure requirements outlined in 483-98-06 remain, as well as the new EO 98-04 contractual disclosure requirements.

This advisory opinion is issued in accordance with ACA §19-11-715(b) and compliance with the above course of conduct is deemed to constitute compliance with the ethical standards of the Act and EO 98-04.

Sincerely,

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